

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 26-10-5

MAGI #1650212604

(# assigned 11/86)

1. Name Daniel F. Owens House
2. Planning Area/Site Number 26/10
West Montgomery Avenue HD
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 15
Coordinate F-13
4. Address 218 West Montgomery Avenue
Rockville, Md.
5. Classification Summary
- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Category <u>building</u> | |
| Ownership <u>private</u> | |
| Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u> | |
| Status <u>occupied</u> | |
| Accessible <u>no</u> | |
| Present use <u>private residence</u> | MNCPPC-County, Local-1976 |
| Previous Survey Recording _____ | National Register-Federal-1975 |
| | Rockville Historic District |
| | Commission - 1974 |
| (Title and date: _____) | Federal _____ State _____ County _____ Local _____ |

6. Date 1890

7. Original Owner Daniel F. Owens

8. Apparent Condition

a. fairc. original siteb. altered

9. Description: This 2½ story, 4 bay by 4 bay brick house is set back from West Montgomery Avenue facing north. Built on brick foundations with common-bonded brick walls, this house is nearly square. There are 2-over-2 double-hung windows throughout the house, and the first floor windows are set into segmental arches. There are 2 bay windows, and 4 interior end chimneys. The hipped roof has slate shingles arranged in horizontal bands of fish scale and regular shingles. There are 2 hipped dormer windows, one on the north and one on the south elevation. There are three porches on the house, at the north, south, and east elevations. South of the house a brick walk leads to a square brick outhouse. It has a gable roof covered with slate and a small porch.

10. Significance: After the opening of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad in 1873, Rockville changed from a sleepy Courthouse village into a bustling focus for vacationers, commuters, and real estate entrepreneurs. Rockville's population trebled between 1873 and 1900, new businesses and subdivisions opened up, and many new homes were constructed.

Daniel F. Owens was attracted by Rockville's "boom" and promise and left Pennsylvania in 1872 to become the town's first druggist. He was sufficiently prosperous by 1889 to purchase 1/3 acre and erect this handsome house. Dr. Owens served, briefly, as Mayor of Rockville in 1890.

After Dr. Owens' death, the house was sold for \$6,750 to George and Blanche Lewis, but has been owned for many decades by the Ricketts and Hartley families.

11. Date researched and researcher Candy Reed/Architectural Description
Eileen McGuckian 7/78
12. Compiler Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled 2/79 14. Designation Approval _____
15. Acreage 15,144 sq. ft.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Daniel F. Owens House

AND/OR COMMON

Ricketts House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

218 West Montgomery Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Theodore Ricketts

Telephone #: 762-4286

STREET & NUMBER

406 Beall Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20850

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 5076

Folio #: 165

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, four bay by four bay brick house is set back from West Montgomery Avenue facing north.

Built on brick foundations with common bonded brick walls, this house is nearly square. The north (front) porch has a half hipped roof supported by four wooden columns connected by a railing with square wooden balusters. There is a wooden pediment over the seven wooden steps which lead up to the porch. There is a wrought iron handrail on the east and west sides of the porch. The north (front) door has evidently been moved from its original position (which has been bricked up) to a position to the east. A window was enlarged and opened; the north wooden paneled door was inserted. On the south (rear) elevation the porch extends across the full width of the building. Six square wooden posts support a shed roof. Nine wooden steps lead up to the porch. A third porch, on the east elevation, may be reached by two separate stairways on the north and south which meet at the balustrade landing. The glass and wooden paneled door is set into a segmental arch.

There are two over two double hung windows throughout the house flanked by white wooden louvered shutters. There are some three vertical light over one light double hung windows on the north and south elevations. The first floor windows are set into segmental arches. There are two bay windows. On the north elevation there is a two story bay window and on the east elevation there is a two story bay window with a blank wall on the east side. A chimney stack arises out of this bay on the east elevation. In addition, there are three other interior end chimneys at the southeast, southwest, and northwest corners. The hipped roof has slate shingles arranged in horizontal bands of fish scale and regular shingles. There are two hipped dormer windows: one on the north and on the south elevations. These each have nine lights and are possibly casement style windows.

South of the house a brick walk leads to a brick outhouse located southwest of the house. It is a square structure, one story, with a gable roof which is short on the south elevation, and faces north. The roof extends out over the north elevation wall to provide a porch covering over the wooden four paneled door. This roof is slate and the gable ends are slate shingled as well. There is a six light casement window on the south elevation.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Daniel F. Owens was attracted by Rockville's "boom" and promise and left Pennsylvania in 1872 to become the town's first druggist. His pharmacy near the Courthouse sold medical supplies, vegetable seeds, and household articles.¹

Dr. Owens was sufficiently prosperous by 1889 to purchase a 1/3 acre lot on "Commerce Street" for \$1,000,² and the following year to erect a handsome two-story residence "with modern improvements" on it.³ The house is significant for its materials (brick in a town of predominantly frame structures), its fine unaltered architectural details, and its companion outhouse in the backyard. Dr. Owens served, briefly, as Mayor of Rockville in 1890.

After Dr. Owens' death, the house was sold for \$6,750 to George and Blanche Lewis,⁴ but has been owned for many decades by the Ricketts and Hartley families.

- Footnotes:
1. Montgomery County Sentinel, Advertisement, 1878
 2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, JA13/77 and JA19/63
 3. Montgomery County Sentinel, "Local and Personal" Column 1890
 4. Land Records, 208/431

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15,144 square feet

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Candy Reed/Architectural Description
Eileen McGuckian, Volunteer

July, 1978

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87, Stronghold

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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